

# CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



## THANKFULNESS

### TALK ABOUT IT

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **thankfulness** collective worship and in our classrooms.

- What are three things you are thankful for today, and why?
- How can we show thankfulness to others in our everyday lives?
- Why is it important to be thankful even when things don't go the way we want?



### RESEARCH IT TOGETHER

Who said the following quote?

**"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong"**

### QUOTE IT

Oprah Winfrey:

**"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."**



### READ ABOUT THANKFULNESS

One story from the Bible that shows thankfulness is about the ten lepers in Luke 17:11-19. Jesus was traveling through a village when He saw ten men who had leprosy, a disease that made them very sick and isolated from others. The men called out to Jesus, asking for mercy. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests, which was the way they could be declared clean. As they went, they were healed, and their leprosy disappeared!

But out of the ten men, only one came back to thank Jesus. He was a Samaritan, someone who wasn't part of the Jewish community. He fell at Jesus' feet, praising God and thanking Jesus for healing him.

Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine?" He told the thankful man, "Your faith has made you well."

This story teaches us that it's important to be thankful, not just when we receive blessings, but also to remember to thank God for His goodness. The one man who returned showed gratitude, and Jesus honoured him for his faith.

# THANKFULNESS HALL OF FAME

Taylor Swift is a great example of someone who shows the importance of being thankful. She often expresses gratitude to her fans, team, and family for supporting her throughout her career. She's known for writing heartfelt thank-you notes and acknowledging the people who helped her.

- **Thank You Notes:** Taylor is known for sending handwritten thank-you notes to her fans, team, and even other celebrities.
- **Surprise Gifts for Fans:** During her "1989" album release, she surprised fans with personal gifts like handwritten letters, gifts, and even trips to meet her.
- **Acknowledging Her Fans:** In her speeches, especially at award shows, Taylor always thanks her fans, calling them the reason for her success and emphasizing how much they mean to her.



## CREATE IT TOGETHER

Create a "Thankfulness Jar."

Have a small slip of paper to write down one thing you're thankful for each day. Decorate the jar and add all your notes inside. At the end of the week, read them aloud to reflect on your blessings together.



## COLOUR ME



## BIBLE VERSES



**1 Thessalonians 5:18** "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

**Psalms 107:1** "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

**Colossians 3:15** "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

**Ephesians 5:20** "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

## PRAY



Dear God,

I thank You every day,  
For all the gifts You send my way.  
For family, friends, and skies so blue,  
For everything You help me do.

Thank You for the love You give,  
And for the strength to help me live.  
For food to eat and places to play,  
For peaceful nights and sunny days.

Help me always see Your grace,  
In every challenge I must face.  
May I remember, kind and true,  
To always say "thank You" to You.

Amen.